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Double Rail Track Mission
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to execute the much awaited Madurai-Kanyakumari double rail track mission by the Railway Vikas Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total budget allocated for the above project; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Doubling of Madurai-Kanyakumari section has to be executed through the following doubling projects which are already included in Railway budget subject to requisite clearances:
(i) Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin (80 kms)
(ii) Maniyachi-Nagercoil (170 kms)
(iii) Trivandrum-Kanyakumari (85 kms).
Out of these, Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin and Maniyachi-Nagercoil doubling projects have been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution while Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling project is being executed by Construction Organisation of Southern Railway. The total sanctioned cost and outlay proposed for 2016-17 for the three projects taken together are ` 3360.00 crore and ` 540.00 crore respectively.
As funding of these projects in coming years will depend on overall availability of funds, time lines for completion of these projects have not been fixed.

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